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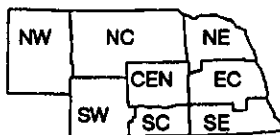
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals across the State. Scattered light precipitation occurred the first part of the week with amounts varying from trace amounts in the northeast up to .65 inch in the northwest.

GENERAL

Rainfall, cloudy days, and some heavy dews last week hindered harvesting and slowed the field dry down of fall crops, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included harvesting fall crops, some after harvest tillage, fencing stalk fields, and moving some cattle onto available stalk fields. Other activities included moving old crop grain to market and working with calves.

CROPS

All corn condition was rated at 8% poor, 35% fair, 51% good, and 6% excellent. Dryland fields were rated at 74% good or excellent. Irrigated fields were rated lower at 49% good or excellent. Harvest last week remained slow due to muddy fields and grain moisture in excess of 20%. As producers wait for field dry down of crops, some fields exhibited stalks lodging from stalk rot and windy conditions. Harvest was rated at 23% complete, compared with 25% last year and 67% for the five-year average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest made limited progress last week due to weather conditions. The crop was rated at 90% combined by week's end, slightly behind last year at 92% and the five-year average at 93%.

Sorghum condition was rated at 4% poor, 64% fair, and 32% good. Harvest progress was also limited for the week but increased activity at week's end brought the completion rate to 15%. This compares with 21% last year and 72% for the five-year average. Warmer, drier weather conditions would be beneficial.

Dry bean harvest was nearing completion with 94% harvested to date. This harvest also met with weather delays last week. Sugar beet harvest continued although some producers were hindered by rains and wet soil conditions.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 4% poor, 7% fair, 71% good, and 18% excellent. Recent moisture should be beneficial for emerged plants.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 104% of normal and compares with 96% last year. Cattle continued to be held on pastures while waiting for available stalk fields for gleaning. Most pastures continued to provide adequate grazing although some supplemental feeding has been necessary.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 24, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	18	22	17	23	31	13	27	25	23	15	25	67
% sorghum harvested	0	16	33	26	24	6	13	11	15	9	21	72
% soybeans harvested	0	100	90	98	94	76	93	80	90	87	92	93
% dry beans harvested	91	100	100	98	0	100	100	0	94	91	n/a	n/a
% wheat emerged	100	97	100	100	97	100	100	85	98	96	100	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 22, 1993												
Days suitable	3.3	5.6	4.7	5.4	4.0	2.9	2.8	1.8	3.7	3.9	6.9	
Topsoil moisture - Short	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	23	
(Percent) - Adequate	75	90	87	100	44	71	71	31	67	78	76	
- Surplus	25	0	13	0	56	29	29	69	32	20	1	
Subsoil moisture - Short	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	
(Percent) - Adequate	94	90	87	100	69	86	86	63	82	83	88	
- Surplus	6	0	13	0	31	14	14	37	17	16	3	

n/a - not available.

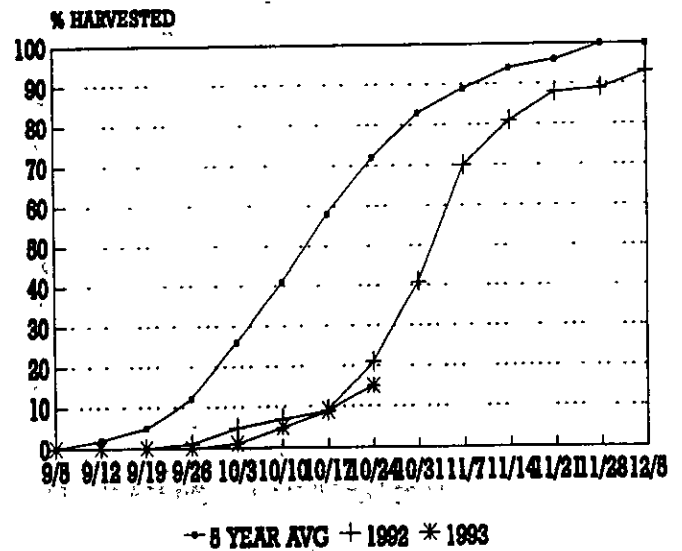
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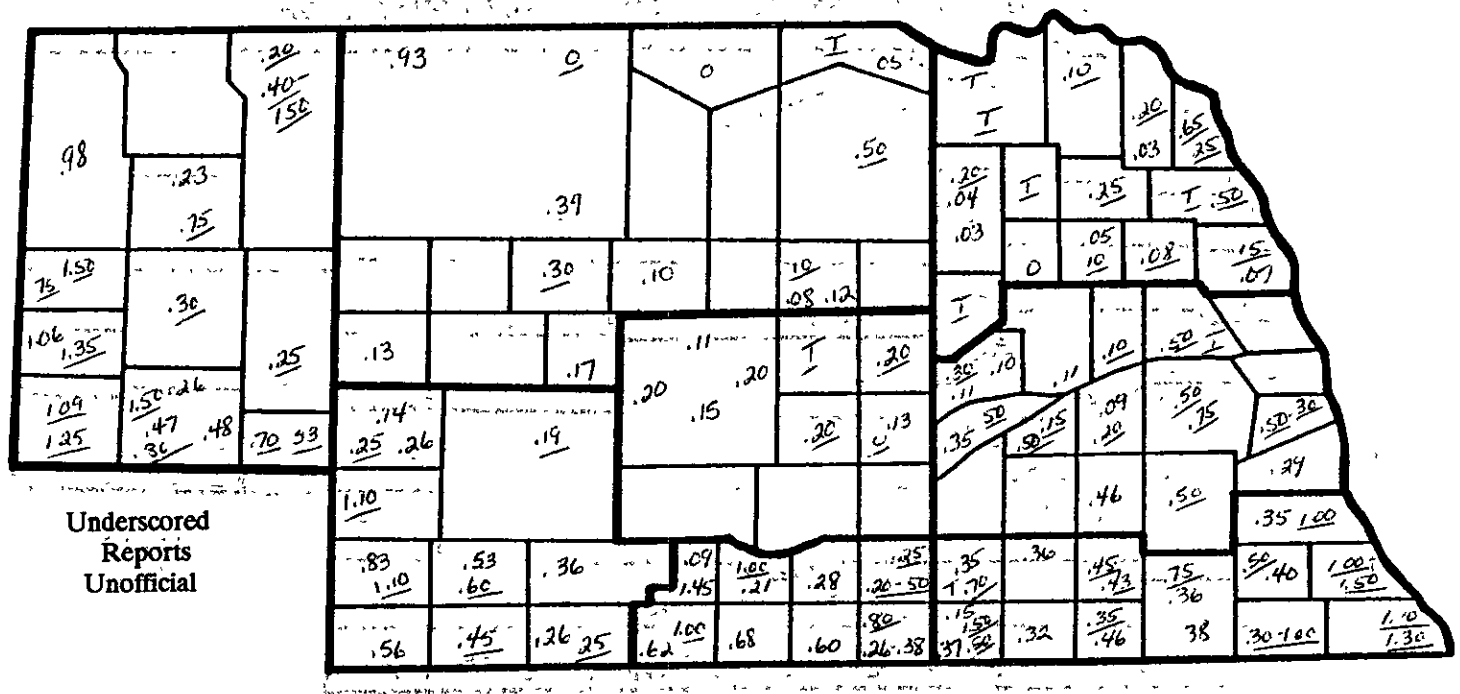
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PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1993

**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1993**

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / ₁₀
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	79	25	50	---	.23
	Scottsbluff	75	26	48	0	.65
	Sidney	73	22	48	---	.30
NC	Valentine	80	20	50	+3	0
NE	Norfolk	81	32	52	+3	.03
	Sioux City	74	30	52	+2	.07
CEN	Grand Island	77	27	52	+2	.06
	Ord	79	22	51	---	T
EC	Lincoln	74	28	50	-2	.39
	Omaha	73	32	52	0	.30
SW	Imperial	78	26	52	---	.37
	North Platte	77	23	50	+2	.08

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.